"The most interesting person I met in London," says a writer in the October Atlantic, "was Mrs. Shelley, daughter of Godwin and Mary Wollstonecraft, and widow, since Percy Bynshe Shelley's death in 1823, of that poet; interesting, not only because of the celebrity of her parents and of her husband, but far more for her own sake; ifferesting, too, because of the remarkable discrepancy which I discovered and all her antecedents and surroundings, at favorable rates, either on the MUTUAL OF NON-PARTICI-I expected to find Mrs. Shelley a tolical re- pariso mass. former, probably self-asserting, somewhat aggressive, and at war with the world; more Elmen F. Higgins, Sec'y, George Brown, Pres't, decidedly het rodex in religion and morals James A. Hennes, Treas., E. W. McClave, Vice Pres't than I myself was; endorsing an I enforcing the extreme opinions of her father and mother, and (as I then understood them) of her husband. I found her very different from my preconceptions. Gentle, genial, sympathetic, thoughtful, and matured in opinion beyond her years, for she was then but twenty-nine; essentially liberal in polities, ethics, and theology, indeed, yet devoid alike of stiff prejudice against the old the new, and, above all, womanly, in the cago fire. best sense, in every sentiment and instinct; she impressed me also as a person of warm social feelings, dependent for happiness on loving encouragement; needing a guiding and sustaining hand. I felt all this, rather then reasoned it out, during our too brief then reasoned it out, during our too brief for three months next preceding the acquaintance; and few women have ever attracted me so much in so short a time. Had which interest, if not withdrawn, will itself bear in I remained in London, I am sure we would terest from said first day of July. And all sums dehave been dear friends. She wrote me several interest from that date: charming letters to America. In person, she June 1, 1373. was of middle height and graceful figure. Her face, though not regularly beautiful, was comely and spiritual, of winning expression, and with a look of inborn refinement as well as culture. It had a touch of sadness when at rest; yet when it woke up in animated conversation, one could see that underneath there was a bright, cheerful, even playful nature, at variance, I thought, with depressing circumstances and isolated position."

### Coming Styles.

Of Autumn modes it is hardly time to speak definitely, only one thing being assured. The promise of plainness, made in the early Summer, will be strictly kept. Superabundant flounces and furbelows will take an unlimited leaves of Winter wardrobes, and artistic simplicity reign in their stead. How our weary and overdressed women have sighed for this change, they only are aware; and that they will hail the new order with delight is undoubted. It is hinted that the prospective styles will require not more than half the quantity of the past ; but this is a dream that seems impossible of realization.

It is not improbable that the newly-model-'ed garments 'thy have a "skimpy" appearance, but familiarity will soon arrange that, and once accustomed to it, weary eyes will be thankful they are no longer compelled to wander over vast fields of flutings and hedgerows of headings.

Plainness of fabric, no less than of fash- upon the cheapness of our work. ion, is to be the rule. New goods, different from any yet produced, will soon be shown, and new colors, or rather new shades, are () WEN & HURLBUT, imminent. The tints and double-distilled shades of last year were so unbecoming to Americans that the dry-goods houses are imborting only novel hues, which it is expected will satisfy the most exacting .- "Home and Society," Scribner's for October.

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